

I am writing to protest the change in the area code of my phone number from 716 to 585. This will present a problem to me since my community, Arcade, will be separated from my friends, family, and employer who are 1-2 miles away by an additional 3 digits. The change in this number will effect my computer's dial-in service to the school. It will also effect my cell phones. I teach in the Arcade building of the Pioneer Central School system. The phone number at my school will be different from the other three buildings in my district. It will be difficult to contact parents about their student's progress.

I hope you will reconsider putting Arcade in the 585 area code region. Our connection is with Erie and Cattaraugus Counties. We shop in Buffalo. Many of our doctors are in Buffalo and Springville. We were told that the ENTIRE county would have to change and yet I notice that an exception was made for the Indian Reservation. Is this discrimination?

I know that you have heard many of these arguments before... and our reasons may seem shallow or petty, but a change such as this really impacts our lives. It is one more inconvenience to add to the myriad of stress we already endure. PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR ACTIONS!